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1875-1905

836-834 Battery Ave. (West side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

836 Battery Ave. is an unusual two story, five bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice. There is a central entrance and long center hall running back to a room located at the rear of the house. The house was built in 1905 for Frederick Wessel, then owner of Wessel's Dept. store, a family business located at the south-west corner of Charles and Hamburg Streets. 834 Battery Ave. is a two story, 3 bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice. Like its neighbor, 836 Battery Ave., the first floor door and window openings have round arched lintels and deep stone sills, thus giving the house a more Italianate, stylish appearance than the majority of two story, Victorian style houses in the area.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

836 Battery Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #: 410-639-1111

STREET & NUMBER

836 Battery Ave.

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

B-3/69

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story, five bay brick house with shed roof and modillion cornice is unusual for the Federal Hill area in that it has a long central hall which divides the four-room first floor in half. The house is detached along its southern side. It is in the process of being restored after having been converted into apartments.

The house is two stories in height, about 32' wide, and occupies a lot about 51 1/2' deep. The house is five bays deep with a modern one story high, one bay deep and two bay wide rear kitchen addition. A new frame second story runs the entire width of the rear facade, resting on the kitchen addition on the south end of the house and projecting out over the rear yard on the north end of the house. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof has a deep stamped sheet metal cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of modillions decorated with acanthus leaves, a row of quarter-round motifs, and a deep frieze area articulated with five rectangular panels. There are no extant roof chimneys. The south facade of the house has been covered with aluminum siding.

The two wide first floor windows have round arched lintels and brownstone sills. The five second story windows have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums. The sills are also brownstone. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. A late Victorian glass and panel double door is set beneath a single light transom bordered by a row of quarter-round carvings and a row of dentils. The house sits on a fairly high basement, the entrance being reached by three brownstone steps. Two sets of paired rectangular basement window openings are located beneath the first floor windows. The entire facade of the basement has been faced with brownstone.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1876-1877

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John J. Knight

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built by the same builder who constructed the nearby row at 224-228 Warren Ave. and is quite significant as representing the only central hall plan, semi-detached house in the Federal Hill area. There is a wide central hall which runs the length of the house, with two large rooms opening off the hall in either direction. Until fairly recently the house had been divided into apartments but now a renovation has restored the house to its original character.

The house is particularly interesting as being, in the early years of this century, the home of the Wessels, the owners of a large department store on S. Charles St., and the developers of a nearby block of Warren Ave. facing Federal Hill Park.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 32' x 51'4"

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LOCAL DATE

LOCAL TIME

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

STREET & NUMBER

5/79

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1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

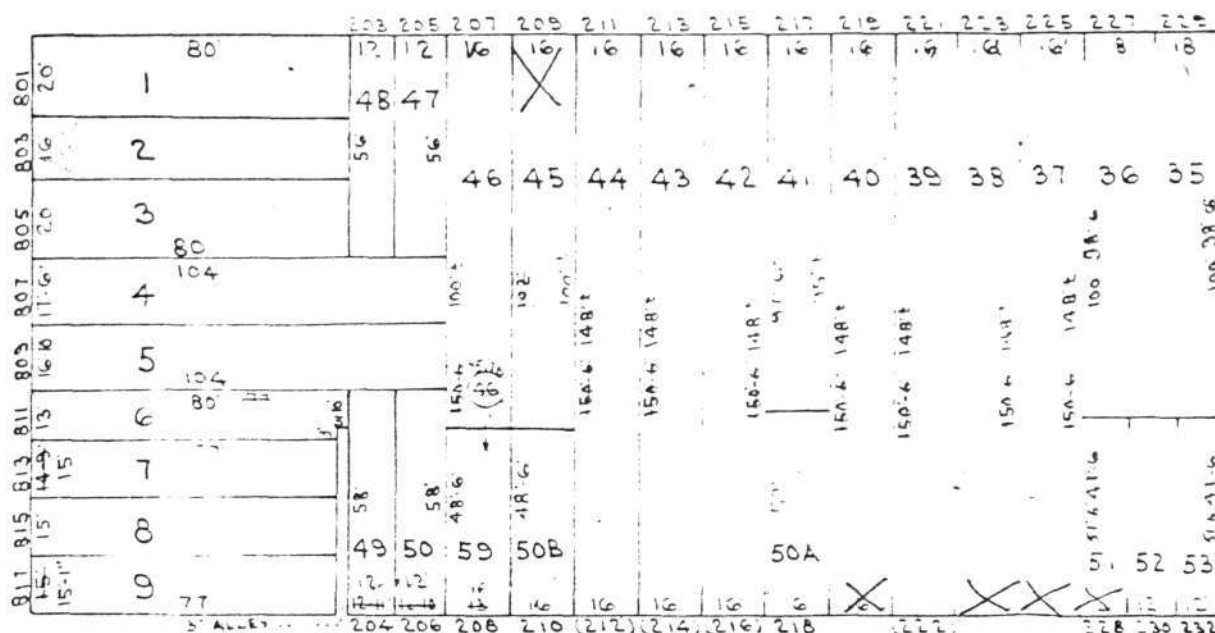
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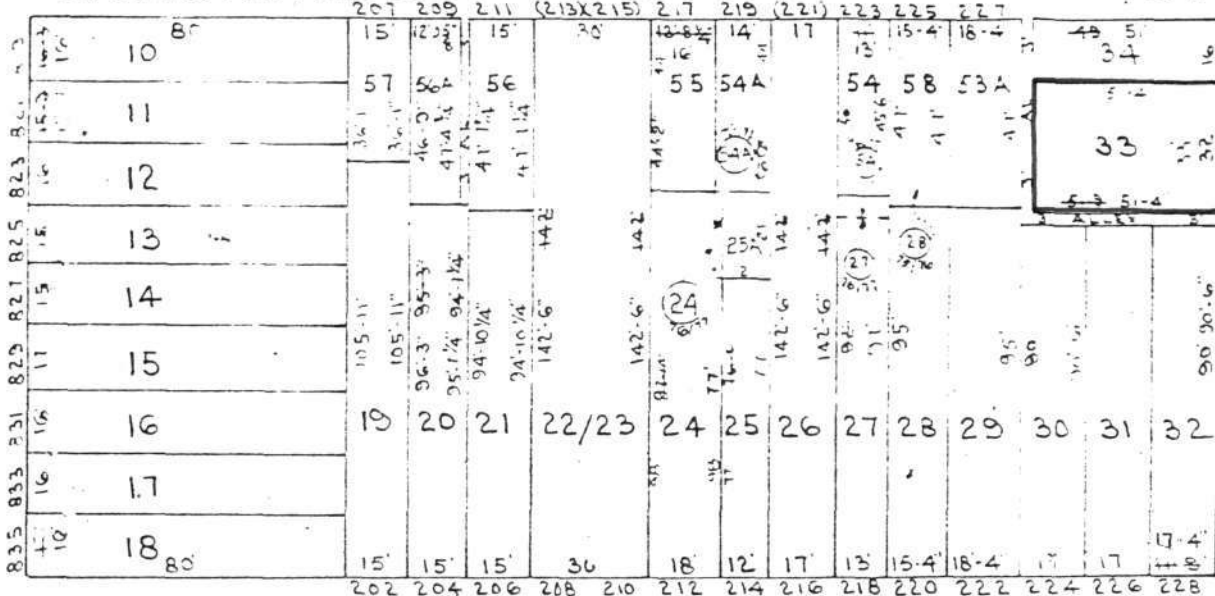


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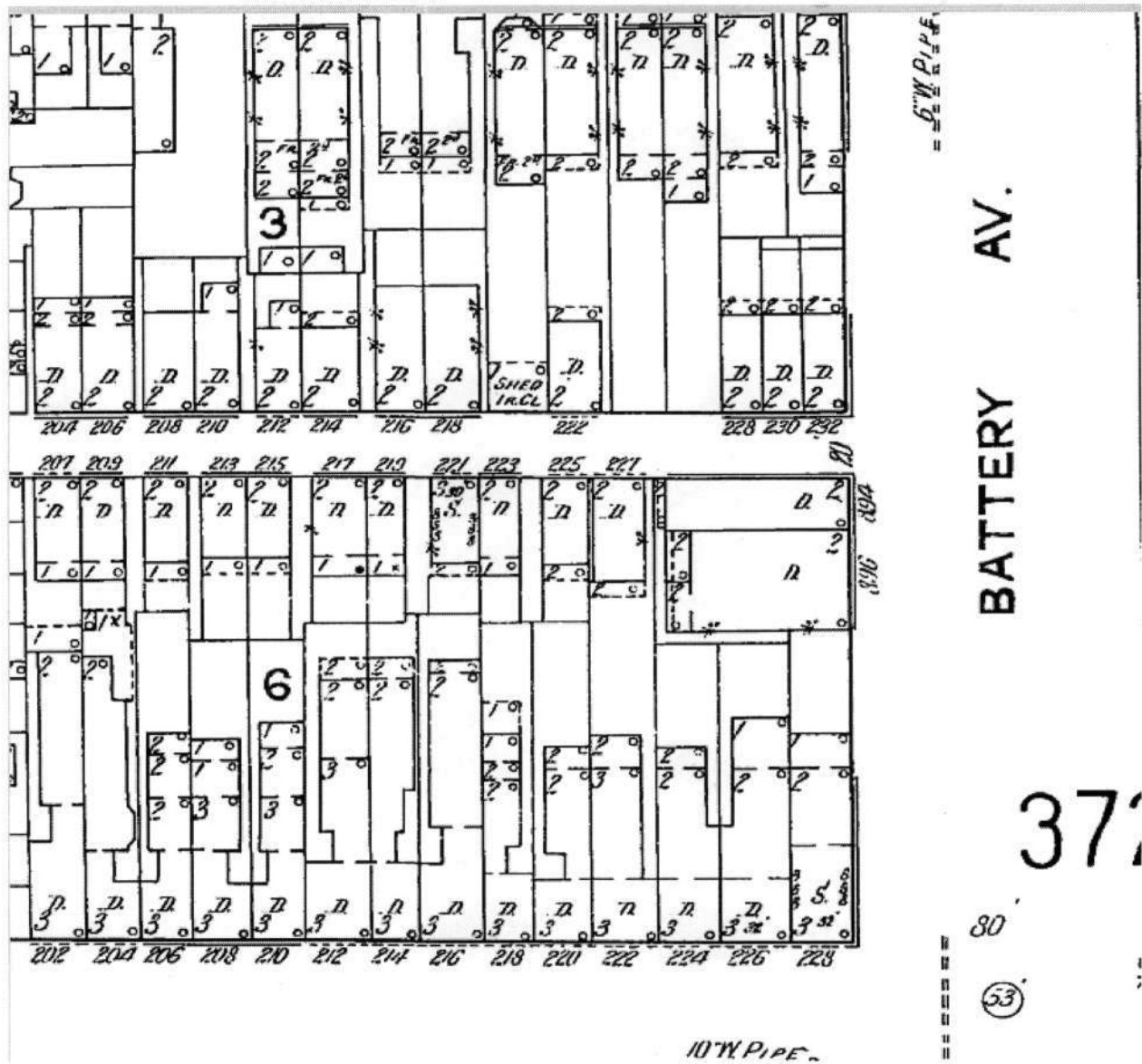
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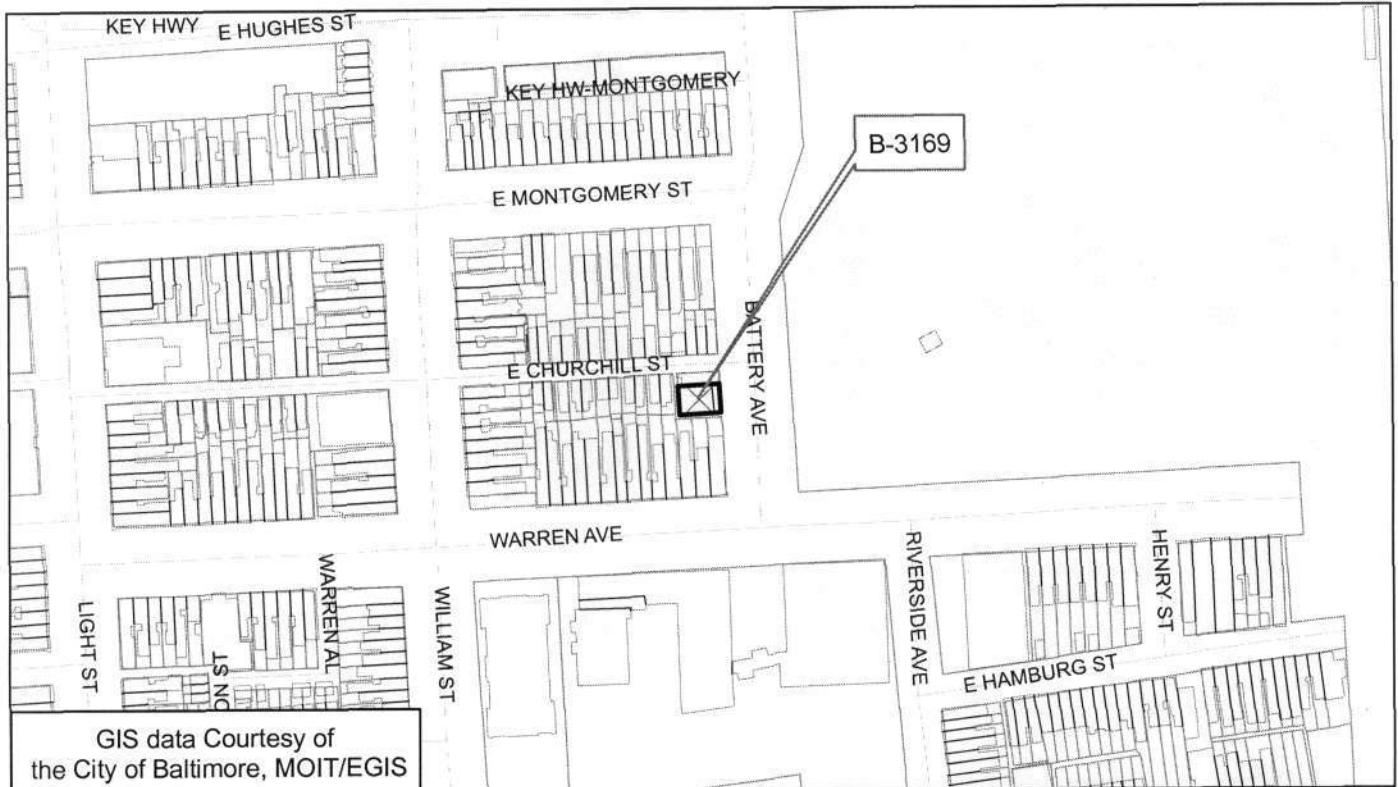
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Block 0907 Lot 033
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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East elevation